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LEHI CITY PARAMEDIC RECEIVES LIFE SAVING AWARD

Ryan Kimball Honored by American Fork Chamber of Commerce

Lehi, Utah | March 16, 2015 – Lehi City Paramedic Ryan Kimball was recently honored with the American Fork Chamber of Commerce's Life Saving Award. Kimball was on duty for as a part-time medic for Life Flight when he was dispatched to the mouth of American Fork Canyon in the Cedar Hills area in response to a hiker who was experiencing chest pain.

Kimball was dropped at the mouth of the canyon and hiked to the distressed hiker's location with limited gear. The hiker, Rick Ellison, went into cardiac arrest at the same time that Kimball reached his location. Kimball, along with Ellison's son, began CPR and was able to defibrillate Ellison. Lone Peak Fire Department firefighters who were also responding to the incident reached Kimball and Ellison and were able to coordinate Ellison's transport to the hospital. Ellison received treatment at the hospital and survived his ordeal.



*Ryan Kimball & Rick Ellison
at Kimball's award ceremony.*

"The professionalism displayed by Ryan Kimball is a tremendous reflection on himself, the Lehi City Fire Department, and Life Flight," said Lehi City spokesperson Robert Ranc. Ranc continued, "Ryan is a great example of the kind of skill and courage possessed by our first responders. We are grateful to have people like Ryan that keep our communities safe."

Intermountain Healthcare released a video about the incident, which can be seen at the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyLKCMZWQXM&feature=em-share_video_user.

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